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## Signs Central Hills Contracts

Earl Kelly, right, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on Wednesday, May 11, signed the contract documents for grading, grubbing, and clearing at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko. Colvin Mann, left, from Reynolds Engineering Company delivered the documents to Kelly's office. They were the first contracts to be signed in the process of the Retreat's construction.

## Church's Privileges Withdrawn In Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — Participation in annuity and state-Baptist executive board privileges has been withdrawn from Oak Hills Baptist Church in Cincinnati because it is "out of fellowship in practice or doctrine."

The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio took unanimous action here on this recommendation from a study committee headed by Arthur L. Patterson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mason, Ohio, in the Cincinnati area.

Patterson said the committee had a cordial meeting with Oak Hills Pastor Allen Falls and one of the church deacons but discovered through the conference there is "too much divergence of doctrine between us." The discussion closed with a prayer, he added.

Oak Hills Baptist Church, he reported, engages in tongue speaking, and has practiced alien immersion and foot washing as church ordinances.

The church had previously been voted out of membership in Cincinnati Baptist Association at its 1975 annual meeting.

Asked about another Cincinnati church dismissed from the association at the same time, Patterson said, "Sayler Park Church has withdrawn from us" (the state convention).

By contrast Oak Hills Church hoped it could remain a part of the state convention despite its divergent practices, Patterson indicated.

The executive board, by adopting its committee recommendation, will also propose to the state convention that messengers from the church in question "not be seated until conditions have been corrected."

This action by the Ohio convention executive board should not be confused with a constitutional amendment pending before the state convention. The amendment offered last fall by outgoing convention president, Paul Payne of Huber Heights (Dayton), pertains to the same issue.

Patterson's amendment would have the convention refuse to seat messengers to the annual meeting if they come from a church which has been voted out of membership in an association. The extension of other state benefits

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## SBC Faces Wide Range Of Issues

June 14-16 At Kansas City

By Robert O'Brien

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention June 14-16 will emphasize the denomination's goal of evangelizing the world by the close of the century and confront a variety of other issues.

Messengers to the 120th annual session of the 132-year-old SBC also will make a major decision in selecting a successor for SBC President James L. Sullivan, 67-year-old retired president of the SBC Sunday School Board.

Sullivan, elected last year at the convention in Norfolk, declined a traditional second term, citing "ceaseless air travel, constant physical and emotional strains, and extended absences from home."

Meanwhile, the more than 16,000 messengers expected to register for the annual session of the 12.9-million-member denomination will vote on a proposed \$63,400,000 total national Cooperative Program unified budget and discuss business and resolutions in between a series of speakers and presentations.

### Business Items

Business items include decisions on whether to allow SBC agencies to assist Baptist churches in Canada and whether to release totals on votes taken during SBC sessions.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board, responding to a referral of a motion made last year in Norfolk that assistance be given Southern Baptists in Canada, will make a two-part recommendation that "all appropriate SBC agencies be permitted and encouraged to give assistance and resource help to all Baptist churches, associations, and organizations in Canada as requested, in keeping with the Southern Baptist agencies' program statements and with appropriate consultation between agencies."

But, in an attempt to show that Southern Baptists do not intend to try to lure any existing Baptist churches away from other organizations in Canada, the board recommendation also states:

"...No worker whose salary is paid wholly or in part by any SBC agency shall encourage any presently existing Baptist church in Canada to affiliate with Southern Baptist work."

The board will not suggest that messengers from some 35 Canadian Baptist churches affiliated with the Northwest Baptist Convention (Oregon - Washington) be seated at the SBC, an action that would require an SBC constitutional change.

The Canadian recommendation came after consultation with leaders of SBC agencies, Northwest Convention officials, and representatives of Canadian Baptist churches affiliated with the Northwest Convention.

**Motion At Norfolk**

The question on vote totals grew out of a motion by a messenger in Norfolk that the SBC Executive Committee study the possibility of a bylaw or procedural change to allow for disclosure of vote counts on all written ballots during SBC annual sessions.

**The Southern Baptist Public Relations Advisory Committee** studied the matter and recommended to the Executive Committee that all vote totals be released.

The Executive Committee's recommendation to the SBC will suggest that votes on officers be "announced and recorded only on the request of a majority of the messengers voting" but that the vote on all other issues be released automatically to the convention.

In other action, the SBC Christian Life Commission "will make firm recommendations to the SBC and local churches about how to deal with the

grave concern over morality in television programming," according to Foy Valentine, the commission's chief executive.

The commission will also mail a "Help for Television Views" packet to every Southern Baptist pastor after the convention for churches to use in a broad-based plan of action to deal with television programming.

During past months the commission has gathered data through a series of hearings across the country, monitoring of network programming, and intensive study of the subject of television and morality.

### Prediction Difficult

Although it is difficult to predict what resolutions and motions messengers may present, early reports indicate they may include church-state issues such as the Internal Revenue Service's ruling about which ministries are "integrated auxiliaries of a church" and which are not.

The IRS has drawn widespread opposition over a ruling that church-related hospitals, colleges, child care homes, and homes for the aging are not "integrated auxiliaries" — a term coined by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Those church-affiliated organizations must file the IRS annual information Form 990 under the current ruling.

Besides the Cooperative Program budget, which includes \$55,000,000 in basic operating and capital needs of SBC agencies and \$8,320,000 in challenge operating needs, messengers will also vote on a \$985,500 Convention Operating Budget.

The Convention Operating Budget is made up of \$536,000 from the Cooperative Program, \$14,500 from the SBC Sunday School Board, and \$36,000 from dividends and interest. It covers the budget of the SBC Executive Committee.

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## Conference On Churches And Taxation Slated

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# New Foreign Missions Work Areas Approved

By Susan Cahen

RICHMOND (BP) — Reaching toward the goal of missionaries in at least 125 countries by the end of the century, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board recently approved work in five new areas.

Southern Baptist missionaries already have begun building an active programs of witness in one new mission field, Rwanda; and the board gave approval in its April, 1977, meeting to enter Bolivia, South Africa, the Seychelles Islands and the Cayman Islands.

Only one, the Cayman Islands, will be immediately listed officially as one of the political and geographical entities where Southern Baptists have missions work. The others will not be added until personnel are assigned to them, said J. Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division.

Crawley's office keeps the official tally of Southern Baptist mission fields overseas as well as a count of missionary personnel serving in them. As of April 27, 1977, the board had 2,716 missionaries in 86 countries.

The board also heard reports of moving ahead with efforts to open work in Swaziland. Approval to enter that country was given by the board in April 1975.

Active Baptist work began in Rwanda, approved as a mission field by the board in March, with the arrival of the Earl R. Martins in Kigali, the capital, in early April. At first, the Martins will be engaged part time in

study of the Nyarwanda language. That language and French, in which the Martins already have some proficiency, are the official languages.

The Martins, formerly missionaries in Tanzania and Kenya, will begin their ministry with seven congregations in the Kigali area. No established churches are there. An estimated 200 additional Baptists have moved to the area, but have no one to work with them.

The Martins will do general evangelistic work, literature and youth work, with needs determining the thrust.

Southern Baptists were invited to work in Rwanda by the Baptist Union of Rwanda (national convention) and the Danish Baptist Union, which has work in the country. Rwanda is a landlocked country bounded by Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire.

The work of Southern Baptists in Rwanda will be a "supplementary, cooperative venture with the groups inviting us," says Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The Martins were assigned to Madagascar before their transfer to Rwanda, but they were never able to get government permission to enter that country. Madagascar is no longer officially listed as a Southern Baptist mission field.

The Herbert W. Neelys have been transferred from Rhodesia to the Cayman Islands. They will be stationed on Grand Cayman, the largest of the three-island group,

working with a number of Baptists on the island, most of them from Cayman Brac.

Before Southern Baptists could send missionaries through the Foreign Mission Board, a Southern Baptist pastor responded to the needs he saw in the Cayman Islands, says Charles W. Bryan, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

"This pastor, working primarily on Cayman Brac, has maintained a close relationship with missionaries of our board throughout the Caribbean," Bryan says. Until now, those who have gone have been short term personnel. Now an invitation has been extended for a permanent career missionary.

The new work on Grand Cayman will be an outreach of the association on Cayman Brac, although distance will preclude more than a limited participation.

In South Africa, the Baptist Union of South Africa has extended an invitation for Southern Baptists to work among the more than four million "coloureds" (persons of mixed race) in that country. Three couples have been requested initially, one in theological education and two in evangelism and church development.

In Swaziland, South African Baptists asked Southern Baptists to assume responsibilities for an English-language congregation in the capital of Mbabane. South African Baptists have filled this need for the past two years. Swaziland is enclosed on the northwest and south by Transvaal and on the east by Mozambique and Natal.

In the Seychelle Islands, work will begin on the main island of Mahe, with emphasis on a youth ministry in Victoria, the capital. These islands are located east of Northeast Tanzania.

One of two Baptist groups at work in Bolivia has invited Southern Baptist to initiate work in that country. The invitation came from the Baptist Convention of Bolivia (related to Brazilian Baptist work) which sponsors a school of more than 1,400 students and a riverboat ministry. Five missionary couples are engaged in convention work.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Washington (BP) — Deprogramming of adherents to various religious cults poses a serious violation of religious liberty, not only for cult members but also for those in other groups, a Baptist executive said here. James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said in a statement released here: "The current phenomenon of deprogramming of adherents to various religious cults, such as the Unification Church, Hare Krishna and the Church of Scientology, among others, must be viewed as constituting serious violations of religious liberty. 'Deprogramming is, in fact,' Wood continued, "incompatible with all of the guarantees of the First Amendment—the no-establishment and free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances."

Taejon, Korea (BP) — A Korean appellate court here has upheld a lower court decision in the November trial of Southern Baptist Missionary Rollin M. (Ronnie) Bradley, following an appeal by the prosecutor. In the original trial, Nov. 1, 1976, the lower court found Bradley negligent and fined him approximately \$200 in the traffic fatality case. His license, which has since been returned, was suspended automatically. Bradley was accused of negligence when his car supposedly sideswiped a drunken pedestrian and caused his death in February 1976. Other than establishing that Bradley's car was in the general vicinity of the accident, all evidence was circumstantial, according to Hays. "Neither Bradley nor the Korean pastor riding with him was aware an accident had occurred," Hays said.

Nashville (BP) — The Southern Baptist Extension Education Association changed its name to the Southern Baptist Adult Education Association and elected officers, during their annual meeting here. Elected president was Walter Draughon Jr., dean of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla.

Washington (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court will not hear a case brought by the Roman Catholic bishop of Gary, Ind., against the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for seeking to unionize lay teachers in parochial schools. By declining to hear the case, the Supreme Court did not rule on the substantive First Amendment issues raised in a supportive American Baptist brief. The justices' action means that before the Gary bishop is allowed to argue the case on its constitutional merits, he must first exhaust the "administrative remedies" available to him.

Detroit (BP) — A Southern Baptist deacon and his wife rallied local churches and enlisted other support here to send 12 tons of food, clothing, furniture and other goods by truck to flood victims to Pikeville, Ky., in mid-April. The Pikeville residents were glad for the help, but it was "just a drop in the bucket compared to the staggering needs," Melton said. The project began with Baptist layman Ralph Melton, a deacon of Grosse Pointe Park Baptist Church near Detroit.

Bangalore, India — The ministry of Baptist Hospital here touched the lives of three persons from the village of Mandebel. Now, Mandebel has an active Christian witness and two neighboring villages have requested that it be extended to them.

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"He cancelled our rooms in order to confirm rooms for the Lions International," Capps said.

## Home Board Names Mississippi Couple

(Continued from page 1) John D. Meredith of Atlanta as coordinator of planning and budgeting, replacing Tommy D. Coy who resigned in April to accept the position of director of counseling for the Christian Broadcasting Network.

In February, Rust took a three-month leave of absence for health reasons. He moved to Phoenix, where he was "able to make real headway toward improvement of his health," said Loyd Corder, director of the division of associational missions.

"However, Warren's condition remains chronic and his doctors have recommended that he not come back to the work he was doing. We are pleased that he will be able to continue to work in the area of metropolitan missions," Corder added.

Rust, who will serve in the Western United States, will live and work in Phoenix. He will give half his time to writing materials, articles, and books dealing with missions in the metro setting.

Rust came to the Home Mission Board in 1971 as director of metropolitan missions. Previously, he was pastor of churches in St. Louis, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Hamner, who joined the board in 1975, was associate director of metro missions before he was transferred to the evangelism staff in February. Previously he served as Urban Strategy Council coordinator for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a staff member at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also served on church staffs in Texas and Missouri.

Meredith will develop and maintain a planning and budgeting process within the Home Mission Board and provide consultative services to the regional coordinators and state convention leadership in planning and budgeting. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the Defense Language Institute.

Directors also were told E. Warren

## Holiday Inn Cancels Rooms For Educators

NASHVILLE (BP) — The annual national meetings of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention have been shifted from New Orleans to Mobile because the Holiday Inn - East Highrise in New Orleans cancelled previous confirmed rooms.

The ASBCs, made up of 71 Southern Baptist educational institutions from California to Virginia, will now meet in Mobile (Ala.) College, June 27-29, and the commission will meet there, June 29-30. The original dates were not changed.

"I'm surprised at the Holiday Inn's action," declared Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission. "They cost us a great deal of time and money and broke a commitment with us. We had been working on this with them for a long time and had written confirmation for 100 rooms.

"In view of our past good experiences with the Holiday Inn, we were greatly disappointed at their foul-up," Fisher said. He expressed appreciation for the assistance of William K. Weaver, president of the Baptist college in Mobile, "for helping us work out arrangements on short notice" and said he was looking forward to the meeting in Mobile.

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## Home Board Names Mississippi Couple

Woolf, director of the personnel division, has been named acting director of missionary personnel, replacing Cecil Etheredge, who has been reassigned in the department.

Four persons, including the Tates, were named missionaries.

One person was named missionary associate and, 23 mission pastors were approved to receive aid. Thirteen of the 23 will receive language pastoral aid and 10 church pastoral aid.

## Bolivar To Dedicate New Building

Bolivar Association will hold dedication services for a new associational office building Sunday. Open house for the new building will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the dedication will get under way at 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement by Odie Henderson, director of association missions.

The new 1,200-square foot building is located at 222 North Fourth Avenue in Cleveland. It contains two offices, a reception area, and a work area. The 84 by 162 foot lot provides paved parking for 12 cars.

Mayor Martin King of Cleveland will represent the city during the dedication service. Tim Nicholas, associate editor of the *Baptist Record*, will represent the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. James Hurt, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Cleveland, will represent the association. Hurt is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Jimmy Dukes, then a pastor in Cleveland, was chairman of the committee which secured the site for building. Others were Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church; Mrs. James R. Hawkins; and Kenneth Pittman and James Stanford, both laymen.

Richard Westbrook, a layman, was chairman of the property committee which developed the facility. Others were Hubbell; Glenn Byrd, pastor of Bapto Baptist Church; Dale Wilson, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church; Mrs. James R. Hawkins; and Kenneth Pittman and James Stanford, both laymen.

Landrum is a native Mississippian from Laurel and a 1961 graduate of Mississippi College. He received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1965.

He has been pastor of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; prior to his present pastorate at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

He has also served as a Bible professor at West Texas State University, Canyon, Tex.; a trustee at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; president of the Texas Alumni of Southwestern Seminary; a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Landrum is a native Mississippian from Laurel and a 1961 graduate of Mississippi College. He received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1965.

He has been pastor of First Baptist Church in Greenville, where he has served since 1972.

He is currently serving as president of the Mississippi Alumni of Southern Seminary, a member of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees, and president of the Mississippi College Booster Club.

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## SBC Faces Issues

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and privileges would be barred. In effect, state participation would hinge on associational participation, according to wording of the Payne amendment, which would have to be approved at the next session of the convention to become effective.

However, the executive board decision on Oak Hills Church makes state convention action independent of the action of the association.

Annuity privileges apply to the denominational retirement and insurance programs maintained by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. State convention contributes up to \$200 per year on the funding of the basic of retirement plan for pastors.

Buenos Aires — The International Baptist Theological Seminary began its new academic year here by opening its doors to over one hundred students, one of the highest enrollments in the institution's history, according to Frances E. Roberts, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Twenty-eight of the students are single women, 25 are single men and 57 are married.

Taxation Conference

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Also invited to address the conference are Jerome Kurtz, the new commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, and a speaker from the Guild of St. Ives, an organization of Episcopal lawyers in New York who specialize in taxation and the churches.

The Sixteenth Religious Liberty Conference by the Baptist Joint Committee will be held in the Quality Inn, Pentagon City, Arlington, Va., across the Potomac River overlooking Washington, D. C.

Invitations to the conference have been sent to a large number of Baptist leaders, but attendance is open to anyone concerned about the problems of churches and taxation. Inquiries about the conference may be addressed to Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

Conform To Practice  
Several such changes would alter gender designations to conform to practice that men and women are eligible to serve as officers and board members and benefit from SBC programs.

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ditor and study the agencies' audits, and add the Southern Baptist Foundation as a suggested place for agencies to deposit securities.

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Messengers will also vote on Los Angeles as a proposed site for the SBC annual meeting in 1981.

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Christian Action—Sunday School

## Hubbell To Speak At Singles Retreat



Miss Hines

Hubbell

Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, will serve as retreat pastor; and Martha Hines, church soloist and professional musician from Spartanburg, S. C., will bring theme music interpretations May 27 to 28 at the Single Adult Retreat in Meridian.

Hubbell will speak four times on "Lessons from a Bible Single." The theme music interpretations will be on "Touch Life." Miss Hines will also present music entertainment at a fellowship supper on Saturday night.

The session will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday with Tim Holcomb, minister to single adults, First Baptist Church, Jackson, and a Meridian singles group leading in fellowship time.

Features of the meeting will be multiple Touch Life Conferences led by Ms. Ann Alexander, Single Adult Consultant, Nashville; Mrs. David (B. J.) Dean, Avocational Adult Worker, Mobile; L. Dan Grubb, Chaplain, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian; J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission; Mrs. J. Clark (Margaret) Hensley, housewife and family life consultant, Jackson; Holcomb and Mrs. Holcomb (Janice), housewife and mother; and James Travis, Chaplain, University Medical Center, Jackson.

The Saturday morning conference will begin at 8:30. Special attention will be given to "need" and "organization" areas. Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, will be the resource person for teachers and department workers for single adults.

The retreat is open to never-marrieds and formerly-marrieds, church leaders who work with singles, pastors, and staff members.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn Northeast in Meridian. The \$9.50 registration fee for the conference includes the two Saturday meals (lunch and supper). The retreat closes with the Saturday night fellowship supper, but there will be a special program on Sunday morning for those who desire to stay over, adjourning at 9:30 a.m.

The retreat is sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, J. Clark Hensley, executive director, and the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Bryant Cummings, director.

### Drumwright To Lead Bible Study

#### At 1st, Florence

Hubert L. Drumwright, Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, will lead in a Bible Conference at First, Florence, May 20-22. The theme for the conference will be "Christian Truth for Today's World."

Pastor Bob Hutcherson said, "All who are interested in a time of intense study and application of Biblical truth under one of the ablest expositors in our denomination are invited to attend."

Drumwright, much in demand as a conference and convention speaker among Southern Baptists, is a native of Oklahoma, but grew up under the ministry of the late George Truett in First Church, Dallas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, holding both the B.D. and Th.D. from the latter. In addition, he has studied at Princeton Seminary and done post doctoral research in the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece. His published writings include books and articles. He has also served as translator of the Gospels of Matthew and John for The New King James Bible (Thomas Nelson Company).

The first session of the conference at Florence begins Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday session will also begin at 7:30 p.m. Drumwright will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.



Enjoying the lunch were these Acteens and their leader, Mrs. Jewel Davidson, Midway Church, Meridian.

## Acteens Attend First State-Wide Conference

"This Is Our Day" was the theme for the first State Acteens Conference, April 22-24, at First Baptist Church, Gulfport. In attendance were 775 Acteens and their leaders from all over Mississippi who shared in this very first state wide meeting. The theme was carried out in the form of the Acteens song, "This Is Our Day" which was sung at each session, and led by Danny Cook, Minister of Music and Youth, Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport.

A very special guest during the conference was Miss Beverly Sutton, National Acteens Consultant, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Alabama, who shared at each of the sessions with creative and interesting features on: *Acteens Member Handbook*, with six/three/and one pills; *Accent*, the magazine used by Acteens, described as a "Big ACT"; and *Direct Evangelism* with a live interview with two Acteens.

Throughout the weekend Acteens and their leaders were challenged to live in the world as servants of Christ and Acteens were charged to lead in the sharing of His love in our world. Barbara Joiner, Acteens leader, First, Columbiana, Alabama, led in the closing meditations for the conference. Talitha Edwards, Grenada, our National Acteens Panelist, shared her testimony about being an Acteen and what it has meant to her life.

Bill Duncan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Long Beach, led in the Bible study at each session on the book of Esther. Foreign missionary to Spain, Mrs. Indy Whitten, shared about the work in Spain and the new freedom

found there for Christians.

Paul and Fran Vandercook, missionaries on the Mississippi Gulfcoast told of their work and mission opportunities here at home. Another guest missionary was R. T. Buckley, missionary to Bangladesh, who encouraged the Acteens to live their Christian lives everywhere; at home, school and in their communities.

SAC brought many memories... lunch on the beach, tour of the new Seaman's Center, missionaries, hearing Acteens speak and share what they were doing, learning about how God can even use us, Acteens where we are now... Acteens living in God's world!

## Come To A Different Place: Summer Camp At Garaywa

By Marilyn Hopkins

Horse-back riding, skiing, co-ed activities, bike trails, canoeing, tripping. Are these activities becoming a bore to the girls in your church summer after summer? Try something different this year! Something like... involving GAs and Acteens in MISSIONS camping at Garaywa!

Camp Garaywa, owned and operated by Mississippi WMU, offers a missions camping program for ten weeks beginning May 30 through August 5, involving GAs and Acteens in developing a missions awareness of their own.

During a week at summer camp, girls learn about how they can become involved in mission work through their church program, the community, state, and around the world. Home and foreign missionaries share information about their field of work and how God called them into their special area of telling other peoples about the love of Christ.

The theme of this summer's program is "GROWING IN CHRIST." The day always begins with God as each

girl has her own 'quiet time' and the day ends with God as each camper participates with her cabin group in devotion. Each day of camp brings new and different experiences for the girls in the atmosphere which Garaywa creates because of the emphasis on MISSIONS.

The staff consists of a camp director (state Acteens consultant, Mississippi WMU) and 29 college young women. Missionaries are on the grounds each week and share in the total program of Garaywa. The program features mission study in small group activities, personal visits with the missionaries, and Bible study in the out-of-doors led each morning by the counselors. There is also music, crafts, drama, nature study opportunities, recreation, fun, games and outdoor cooking.

Publicity and registration information have been mailed to all association and local GA and Acteens leadership. For additional information write or call, Mississippi WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, telephone, 345-3704, Ext. 280.

I hope to see every GA and Acteens at summer camp at Garaywa this year!

## Secretaries Organize

The Mississippi Baptist Secretaries' Association was organized during the Secretaries Conference held at the Baptist Building in Jackson on May 2 and 3. It is the first association of its kind in the state. Ruth Keyes, pastor's secretary,

Calvary Church, Jackson, was elected president; Mary Ray, secretary, Rankin Association, Pearl, is first vice-president; Dot Smith, secretary, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,

Jackson, is second vice-president; and Nora Melton, financial secretary, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, is secretary-treasurer.

The Secretaries Conference was sponsored by the Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries Department, MBCB, Leon Emery, director. Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the Church Administration Department, BSSB, Nashville, and Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, were among the program personalities.

Emery had previously appointed a committee to draw up a tentative constitution for a secretaries' association and to nominate the first officers. Committee members were Maureen Allen, secretary at First, Greenville; Olivia Killebrew, secretary, Gulf Coast Association, Gulfport; and Mary Ray, secretary, Rankin Association, Pearl.

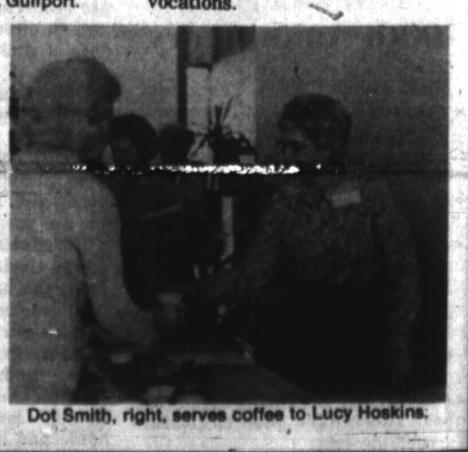
Membership in the association will be open to all secretaries and other office staff of Baptist churches in Mississippi; all secretaries and other office staff of all Baptist denominational agencies, institutions, departments, and organizations; and elected volunteer and/or part-time workers in Baptist churches whose work is comparable to that of a church secretary.

Generally, the purposes of the organization will be to identify and properly relate the various roles of Baptist secretaries; to promote a close relationship among secretaries in Baptist churches and church-related organizations; to develop a better understanding of the work of the church or church-related secretary; to provide training/improvement opportunities...; to provide an opportunity for fellowship and exchange of ideas; to upgrade the status of secretaries... and to encourage interest of others in religious vocations.

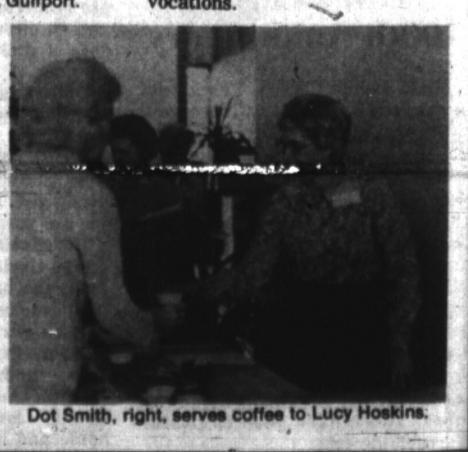
Officers of the newly organized Mississippi Baptist Secretaries Association are, left to right: Nora Melton, secretary-treasurer; Dot Smith, second vice-president; Mary Ray, first vice-president; and Ruth Keyes, president.



Lucy Hoskins, center, consultant, Church Administration Department, BSSB, answers questions for Evelyn Redd, left, secretary, Sunday School Department, MBCB, and Edna Ohm, church secretary, Bel Aire, Gulfport.



Committee members appointed to draw up a tentative constitution for the new Secretaries Association were, left to right, Maureen Allen, Olivia Killebrew, and Mary Ray.



Dot Smith, right, serves coffee to Lucy Hoskins.

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## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIPS

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### PROGRAM LEADERS

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BOB SESSIONS, Consultant, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

KERMIT S. KING, Consultant for Senior Adult Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

CLYDE BIZZELL, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### The Canadian Matter

Through the years there has come pressure from one source or another to extend the mantle of Southern Baptist work into new areas for one reason or another in the way of direct, organizational affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the past, generally, these efforts have been fostered in the interests of Baptists worshiping in states of the United States or its territories. Such efforts have caused some amount of discussion but have finally resulted in Southern Baptist work being found in all 50 states.

Such an effort has been under way for the past year at least, for it was during the convention last year in Norfolk that a motion was made to study the possibility of extending aid to Baptists in Canada who desire it. Some background to that motion is that for some years there have been Canadian churches cooperating with the North-

west Baptist Convention, which encompasses the work in Oregon and Washington. At this point there are some 35 churches so affiliated with the Northwest Convention, and as a matter of fact, the president of that state convention is the pastor of one of the Canadian churches.

There has been sentiment in favor of seating messengers from those Canadian churches at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Such action would be a mistake, unless we would desire that the Southern Baptist Convention would become a sort of miniature Baptist World Alliance.

It could be pointed out that the confines of the United States should represent only an abstract boundary that should not be used to hold back the spread of the gospel as carried out by people of the Southern Baptist Convention. There has to be a line drawn

somewhere, however, and this seems to be the proper place. We cannot take in the entire world as affiliates of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our constitution would not allow such at this time, but constitutions can be amended. It does not seem, however, that an amendment allowing messengers from outside the United States and its territories to be seated would be proper.

We can help, and this will be discussed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. Last year the matter was turned over to the Foreign Mission Board for study. The board will bring back a report this year that will call for help but no affiliation.

This is wise and should be accepted. Through the years to come, however, as we are giving aid in whatever form it might be, let us be on guard to be sure that our aid doesn't sway our judgment as it concerns affiliation.

MY LOVER, MY FRIEND by Colleen and Louis Evans, Jr. (Fleming Revell, \$5.95, 159 pp.).

Enlightened guidance for couples who see marriage both as a commitment toward establishing togetherness and a golden opportunity to develop fully as separate individuals. An interesting concept, well documented, intelligently presented by a delightful and wise couple who have been married for 25 years, who have four children, and who practice what they preach. Colleen gave up a movie career to marry Louis, who is now senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

THE GIFT OF LOVE by R. L. Midleton; Broadman; 124 pages; \$3.95.

The author examines the meaning of love and what it can do. He writes of simple truths that can transform selfishness into selflessness and hate into love.

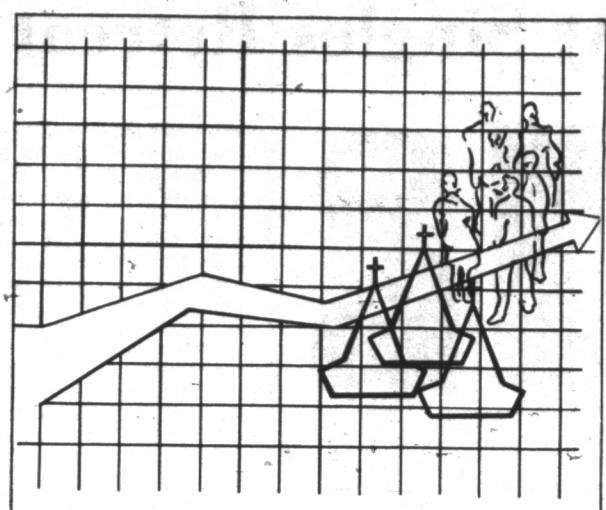
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, by Dale Moody; Broadman; 241 pages; \$3.95.

The author explores the biblical concepts of the Holy Spirit in their historical and literary context. The first chapter describes three major stages in the Old Testament understanding of spirit. The remainder examines the person and work of the Spirit in the New Testament. He urges the reader to study the Bible for himself to discover the role of the Spirit in the church and in the life of the believer.

THE HEART OF PAUL by Ben Campbell Johnson; Word Books, Waco, Texas; 174 pages; \$5.95.

This is Volume One of a relational paraphrase of the New Testament and includes the epistles of Paul.

### Progress comes when churches unite in Bold Mission



Associational Emphasis Week May 16-22, 1977

### Associational Emphasis

We are observing this week, all across the Southern Baptist Convention, Associational Emphasis Week. It is fitting that there should be a time of calling attention to the work and the role of the association.

The writer will not attempt to define what association missions work should be, for it doubtless will vary from association to association as it is seen by the directors of missions and their executive boards. This is instead a simple statement of gratitude for the work that is carried on in the name of the Lord through the coordinated and cooperative efforts of the churches in the associations.

Cooperation is a key word throughout the entirety of Southern Baptist efforts, and it is particularly true as it concerns associations. This is the denominational effort closest to the churches, and the physical efforts of the members of the churches are needed to carry on the work that it outlined by the churches through the associations.

This week the second annual statewide planning workshop for associational officers has been held at Alta Woods Church in Jackson. This meeting provided opportunities for those church members who have been elected to responsibilities in the association missions effort to gain in-

sight into the needs of their positions and to better understand how to go about fulfilling those needs. Association missions work is the first wave of attack on missions needs outside the local church. It is the people of the church actively involved in carrying the gospel beyond their walls.

It is also the first point of the fusing of cooperative efforts that go beyond the local church. It is vital.

The writer has established a great deal of interest in and sympathy for the work of association missions over the years. My father retired in 1970 after serving 22 years as association missionary in Arkansas.

### The Acts In Ethiopia

According to the proper name list in the back of the writer's Bible, the name, Rhoda, appears only once in the Bible. It was in connection with a condition very similar to the one we have been reading about in Ethiopia in recent days.

Rhoda is mentioned in Acts 12:13. Readers will recall that John's brother, James, had been put to death by Herod; and this seemed to please the Jews, so he decided to move on. He put Peter in prison.

The church entered into prayer for Peter, and the scripture says the prayer was "without ceasing."

Herod had some foul things in mind for Peter, but the night before he was to put his plan into action he lost his prize. Peter was asleep and bound by two chains and lying between two soldiers. An angel of the Lord came in, a light shined, the angel woke Peter and

said in effect, "Get up and let's get out of here." The chains fell off, and they left.

Peter thought he was dreaming, but the gate to the city opened itself, they went through it, and the angel left. He knew then that the Lord had freed him. He went to the prayer meeting where the church was praying for his release.

Rhoda met him at the door.

Our missionary Sam Cannata had much the same experience. He had been detained by the Ethiopian government for seemingly no reason. While other missionaries in Addis Ababa along with Baptists all over the world were praying for his release, he was released. He immediately made his way to the meeting place in Addis Ababa where the prayer meeting was in session. It had been going on for 24 hours.

Perhaps the Baptists in Addis Ababa

had more faith even than those mentioned in the account in Acts. The First Century Christians didn't believe Rhoda when she told them that Peter was standing outside the door, where she had left him because she had been so excited she had neglected to let him in.

The scripture declares that they were astonished.

We have the chronicle of prayers being answered since the beginning of time. We know our God is faithful and hears our petitions. We have just had a dramatic example that almost parallels the account in the New Testament.

Ladies and gentlemen, we can change the world. We serve the same Lord as did those First Century Christians. His power is still available when we make ourselves available to it.

In Ethiopia we have recently observed a demonstration of such power in our own time.

### Guest Editorial

### Ordination Of Women By Baptist Churches

What do Baptists believe about ordination of women? The answer depends upon which Baptists one is talking about.

This is not a facetious reply. It is the way it is. The principle of freedom and independence practiced by Baptists allows for considerable diversity in belief and practice. This rules out identical answers for all Baptists to many questions.

This diversity is illustrated in different reactions to two Kentucky Baptist churches which have ordained women to the gospel ministry. In one case the ordaining church is being disciplined; in the other instance apparently no

serious consideration has been given to reprimanding the church.

Ordinarily a local church which is considered to be departing from Baptist doctrine is disciplined by the district association if it is disciplined at all. State conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention for the most part have rejected efforts to discipline local churches. And so a Baptist church can be in fellowship with the state convention and/or the Southern Baptist Convention without being in fellowship with a local association.

In the cases above the South District Association executive board has voted to withdraw fellowship from the Beech Fork church if it does not revoke its ordination of a woman to the ministry while the Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville has not been reprimanded in any way by the Long Run Association for ordaining a woman to the ministry.

What is the position of Baptists on ordination of women? Our position on ordination of women as on all other matters is the teaching of the Bible. The problem is agreeing on what the scriptures teach. Our belief in the priesthood of every believer and the access to the Holy Spirit of every believer and every congregation to interpret the scriptures for themselves complicates the matter. Unlike hierarchical systems which hand down to churches the official interpretation of the Bible, Baptists give this right to no one but reserve it for themselves.

What do the scriptures teach concerning ordination of women? The answer depends upon whether one takes the literal view or another view of scripture. Are the instructions of Paul to the New Testament churches

he addressed intended for each local church in its particular situation and environment or are these instructions intended for all churches of all times?

If the New Testament is taken literally, there is little if any support for ordaining women. There is no specific reference to women's being ordained for preaching and only one or two questionable references to a woman as a deacon. Romans 16:1 refers to Phoebe as a servant of the church at Cenchreae. The same word (diakonus) is used of Phoebe as is used in I Timothy 3:8 for those qualifying as deacons. A less plausible argument is that I Timothy 3:11 refers to women who qualify for deaconship instead of to wives of deacons.

If the instructions of Paul apply only to the specific churches in their particular day and situations, Baptist churches today need only to be guided by the general principles enunciated in the New Testament. But even then it is hard to make a strong case for women to be considered for the same leadership role which the New Testament assigns to men. While women had prominent parts in the ministry of Jesus and in New Testament churches, their role, especially as Paul puts it, is supportive rather than in leadership.

The Bible views man's role in the church as well as in family life as that of leadership. This does not relegate women to an inferior role but puts her, as it does man, in God's assigned role. A woman filling her God given role is on a par with any man.

The vast majority of Baptists take the New Testament literally when it comes to passages like I Timothy 3. They are not inclined as much to take Paul's instructions elsewhere con-

cerning covering women's heads in church and not permitting women to speak in church or teach.

This may be inconsistent but it holds nevertheless. Ordaining women as preachers or deacons will not be widespread among Baptists for a long time if ever. But more and more churches will be ordaining women, especially as deacons, in coming years. When they do, some will be disciplined by fellow Baptists and some will not. That's the Baptist way.

By C. R. Daley, Editor  
Western Recorder  
Kentucky

### First, Pascagoula To Observe 100th Anniversary

First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, organized May 26, 1877, will observe its 100th anniversary on May 22.

Speakers for the occasion will be Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in the morning service, and Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record, in the evening service.

Clark McMurray is pastor of the church. The first pastor was J. B. Hamerlin, a man who figured prominently in early Mississippi Baptist history. There have been 25 pastors through the year.

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, 84-year-old Nobel prize winning doctor who has spent much of his life in cancer research, published this prayer at the end of his book, *The Crazy Ape*.

A folder that came in our mail the other day said that Szent-Gyorgyi ascribes his longevity to eating and exercising wisely and moderately. He lives in Massachusetts by the sea and swims regularly, even in the brisk days of the New England autumn. I suspect too that he owes his longevity to the fact that he loves his work, and that he cares about filling his world with warmth, goodwill, and happiness.

The *Beacon* from Broadmoor Church, Jackson, comes weekly across my desk. In the May 5 edition, Pastor David Grant wrote, "Whenever a death occurs in this church family, the response in supplying food and other needs is almost unbelievable. I have gone into these homes and seen mountains of all kinds of food. Our women have never considered themselves above pitching in and helping, whether it be running a vacuum cleaner, washing dishes, serving tables, or holding a hand of a heartbroken person. These services are rendered day or night under any and all circumstances." He added a note of gratitude for such unselfish service.

I have an aunt who always pitches in and helps wherever she is needed. Aunt Lura Earl is married to my mother's only brother, Uncle Zeddie Allen. She told me that when she was a young girl, still Lura Earl Rearden, she was planning to be a nurse. Though she gave up that career to marry Uncle Zeddie and raise three sons, she has had plenty of opportunities to use her talent in caring for the sick. For instance, when Grandma Allen, the mother of six daughters, had a stroke and stayed in bed for a year or so, it was Aunt Lura Earl, her daughter-in-law, who took her into her home and nursed her most of the time.

South of Pelahatchie at their home on "The Mountain" Howard and Sally Stevens offer this kind of hospitality. They invite church groups to use their home and lakeside property, free.

Ramona Hill and I, and the fifth grade GAs of Morrison Heights Church, accepted their gracious offer and had a marvelous time. Thank you, Howard and Sally!

Like Dr. Szent-Gyorgyi and Aunt Lura Earl and Howard and Sally, I wish to be one who praises God by "improving my corner of creation by filling this little world of mine with light, warmth, goodwill and happiness."

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# Chemical Dependency Unit Doubles In Six Months

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's Chemical Dependency Unit has doubled from 28 to 56 beds after eight months of operation, according to Paul J. Pryor, MBMC Executive Director.

"The demand for CDU services has been great, statewide and outside the state as well," said Pryor, "and this expansion comes as a response to this demand."

William Crooks, director of the unit, who formerly headed a similar unit in Omaha, said "It won't be long before we are using all 56 beds at the current rate of admission."

He said the unit has treated about 250 people since it opened on September 1, 1976, with patients coming not only from Mississippi but from surrounding states as well.

"We have doubled our treatment staff," he said. "We have a full-time

chaplain and a part-time psychologist, and we have nursing service around the clock."

The unit offers a course of treatment lasting about 35 days, including detoxification followed by intensive in-patient treatment, with follow-up after-care as long as needed.

"We have had good luck with our staffing," said Crooks, "and everything has exceeded expectations. The expansion has gone smoothly, and we are excited about the future."

He said referrals can be made not only by physicians but by clergymen, courts, industry, businesses, friends, family, Alcoholics Anonymous and others.

Representatives of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and the Jackson Council on Alcoholism visited

similar units in other states during the planning stage for the Jackson facility.

**A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board**  
Wilde Fischer

Somehow I feel quite confident on Friday the 13th while I am writing this. I'm not too rebellious by nature, but I have always rebelled at superstition.

When I was a very small girl, I deliberately stepped on every crack in the walk, inspite of dire warnings that I would become a rotten egg. Every time I saw a ladder, I walked under it. Seeing a black cat never upset me; I just made sure I stood still long enough for it to walk across my path. Dropping the dishrag and spilling salt bothered me about as much as dropping the hand towel and spilling the pepper (except pepper made me sneeze more). The only superstition that ever seemed almost reliable was that an itching nose foretold company; but then, we've always had so much company at our house, that I'm not sure. It seems that a nose that doesn't itch foretells us much company for us as an itchy one.

When students ask me if I am superstitious, and I answer a truthful, "No," they invariably say, "I am. Why aren't you?"

Probably the reason is that I had so many good Christians teaching me about God and his care for me when I was barely old enough to understand what they were saying to me. There was no room for the power of a black cat or the strength of a ladder, or the control of cracks in the walk. Those were not the beings that I learned about and put my trust in. An abiding faith in God has not ever made room for them.

So Friday the 13th is just like any other Friday for me. I even plan to begin a painting project when I get home after school.

## Let's Set The Record Straight

Mrs. Fran Rodgers is the wife of T. Deane Rodgers, assistant executive director of the Baptist Children's Village. The word "assistant" was accidentally omitted in the May 12 "Names in the News" item about Mrs. Rodgers.

Larry Taylor is chairman of the Blue Mountain College trustees, not Leroy Taylor as the May 12 Baptist Record stated in the first editions to leave the press. This error was detected and corrected, however, before all the week's Records had been printed.

## Liberty (Carroll) Dedicates New Building

Liberty Church of Jefferson Community in Carroll County decided it was time to build class rooms and fellowship area to meet the needs of growing attendance. On Sunday, April 3, the completed building was dedicated.

The pastor, Gus Garrett, preached the message of challenge to the members and the associational missionary, Lavon Hatten, led in the prayer of dedication.

The new fellowship area was then used for an old fashioned church dinner and all the people were invited to look over the building containing several class rooms, the 30 x 40 fellowship area, kitchen, and restrooms.

Members of the building committee were: M. H. DuBard, J. K. DeLoach, W. M. DeLoach, S. S. DuBard, Mrs. C. D. Whittfield, C. J. Blair, Mrs. N. H. Heath, Mrs. C. O. Turnipseed, J. T. DuBard, Jr., S. D. DuBard, and Gus Garrett, pastor.

## Revival Dates

Woodhaven Church, Ocean Springs: May 22-27; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during the week at 7 p.m.; Bob Hornor, pastor of Arlington Heights Church of Pascagoula, evangelist; Claude H. "Pop" Stone, Sr., of Gulfport, directing music; Curtis I. Miller, pastor.

Rolling Creek (Clark): May 22-27; Frank Harmon, pastor of Magnolia Street, Laurel, evangelist; Arlis Nichols, music director; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Jimmy Stephens, pastor.

## Revival Results

Richland Church, Plain: May 4-8; Eddie Martin/Brad Ramsey Family Crusade; 54 for baptism; 27 rededications; 12 assurance; and two by letter; Paul B. Williamson, Jr., pastor.

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## Colonial Heights Breaks Ground

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, broke ground April 24 for a new building that will house auditorium, offices, and additional Sunday School space. Left to right: Len Turner, pastor; Ralph Rives, chairman of deacons; Robert Fortenberry, chairman of the Survey Planning and Building Committee.

## Concord Homecoming

Concord's homecoming and dedication services are planned for May 22. The guest speaker will be John D. McLaren of Brewton, Alabama. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., dinner at 12 a.m., and the afternoon service at 1:30 p.m.

## Names In The News



Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, recently conducted its first national seminar for selected Mission Friends workers. Among those selected to attend the Birmingham meeting were Waudine Storey, left, (state GA/Mission Friends director in Mississippi) and Julia Otis, shown with Evelyn Blount (center), director of Field Services Department for WMU, SBC.

C. J. Olander is now interim pastor of First Church, Tchula, for the third time since he was 78. C. C. Bath, Tchula pastor, resigned recently to move to the pastorate of Port Gibson. Olander has been pastor of the Tchula Church twice. In January, 1917, before World War I, he left there to become an army chaplain. Later he returned as pastor in 1936 and remained until 1945. He says, "Life begins at 80, and I am only a toddler, nearly three years old!"

Michael S. Hunt, pastor of Gore Springs Church, has been selected to appear in the second edition of *Who's Who in Religion*. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and New Orleans Seminary. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hunt of Starkville, he is married to the former Marcia O'Keefe of Winona.

James Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe of Picayune, is available for revivals and to supply pulpits. A social science major and member of the Ministerial Association at William Carey College, he will receive the B. S. degree on May 21. Licensed by Union Church in Picayune, he has been preaching four years. Upon graduation, he would like to go into full-time evangelism. He may be contacted by calling 798-2685 or writing Rt. 3, Box 163, Picayune, MS 39466.

Edgar Wolfe, new pastor at Grandview, Meridian, was ordained to the ministry April 24 at Grandview. Jim Meadows, pastor at Long Creek, gave the charge to the church. C. B. Roberson, pastor of Savoy Church, gave the charge to the candidate. Leon Young, Lauderdale County director of missions, presented the recommendation from the ordination council. Dan Murphy, deacon from Oak Grove, where Wolfe was formerly a member, led the dedicatory prayer.

Clark Adams, Director of Choral Activities at Clarke College, has been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

## Causeyville Honors Pickards:

### Deacon; SS Teacher 65 Years

Mrs. Marvin Pickard, 86, has been a Sunday School teacher for 65 years and her husband, 89, has been a deacon in Causeyville Church for many years. In honor of this couple, members of Causeyville Church observed "Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pickard Day" recently.

A money tree was placed in the vestibule of the church containing gifts for the Pickards. Lunch was served at the church following regular morning services. Then at 1:15 a program was given, portraying the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Pickard, and special music was presented. At least 150 signed the guest register.

The Pickards are life-time residents of Causeyville. In addition to her Sunday School teaching, she organized the Woman's Missionary Union of the church in 1913 when there was only one other WMU in Lauderdale County. She has worked as WMU president and in many other places of church leadership.



Pickard has also been a faithful church worker. Both still attend church regularly and still take an avid interest in church and community affairs.

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## Two Join Staff

### At Northside

Northside Church, Clinton, has announced names of two new staff members. Robert M. Shurden will be interim pastor and Greg Powell will serve as youth director.

Shurden is an assistant professor at Mississippi College in the Division of Religion. Native of Greenville, Ms., he received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Irene Long of Greenville; they have one daughter, Sandra.

Greg Powell, a graduate of Clinton High School, will graduate this month from Hinds Junior College, and enroll at MC this fall. He is a former youth counselor and canoe instructor at Camp Piney Woods. He has served as assistant to the activities director at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Powell of Clinton.

So Friday the 13th is just like any other Friday for me. I even plan to begin a painting project when I get home after school.

## Truth To Sing At Ripley May 24

Truth is coming to Ripley on May 24. This touring music company of 19 members will appear under the sponsorship of The Ripley Singers at the Ripley High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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Upon This Rock 

The Steering Committee for the building fund campaign of First, Raleigh, includes Hubert Parks, Mrs. Clyde Garner, Curtis Gable, Clyde Garner, Mrs. Olen Tadlock, and Prentice Stuart.

### First, Raleigh Ends Campaign



Perry



Wyatt

Bob Wyatt, "Together We Build" campaign director of First, Raleigh announces that the seven-week campaign to raise money for the church's new multi-purpose building was a great success.

Wyatt states that the campaign's aim was to reach every family and give them an opportunity to be part of the building program, and about 93% of the church families responded to the building fund. This is a 150-week program that calls for the whole church to give whatever they can give above their regular church gifts.

The minimum goal was \$78,000; the sacrificial goal was \$85,000; the Hallelujah goal was \$93,900. As of Sunday, May 1, the church families had given or pledged \$97,420.

The real victory is that 101 pledges out of 187 families were returned signed. Another 22 families gave a donation and 25 more will give later. These facts tell of real victory.

Robert H. Perry is the pastor. Clarence Cutrell of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was the general director of the program.

### South Alabama Bus Conference

The South Alabama Bus and Children's Church Conference will be held at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Alabama, May 23 and 24.

Program personalities will include Bobby Welch, pastor, First, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Larry Hippis, bus minister, West Rome Church, Rome, Ga.;

Jerry Vines, host pastor; R. O. Stone, minister of music at Dauphin Way; and Bobby Smith, bus minister at Dauphin Way.

Sessions will be held Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, and Tuesday night. The conference fee will be \$5 per person.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work For May 22

## Relationships In Church Family

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach  
1 Timothy 5:1-25

The New Testament suggests that the church is a family. In 1 Timothy 5 we see that the fellowship of the church is to be guided by the respect that should be shown in the family. These principles become the guidelines for proper interpersonal relationships. Any organization or family can expect to have problems arise among its members.

The basis of respect in the church is recognition of the older generation. It is natural for each generation to be critical of that which went before and that which is to follow. The church is the home of the grace of God, a place where impatience and hypocritical attitude must be subdued. Age is needed to counterbalance youth's frothy enthusiasm with the stability that comes only through experience.

The pastor must respect the older members of the congregation as he respects his own father. He must not use his pulpit as a secure fortress from which to hurl harsh and violent reproof against the older, more conservative members of his congregation as if his is the only generation which has actually known true wisdom. Elders are to be exhorted, admired, and comforted.

There is a proper word of caution at the close of the second verse, calling the pastor to remember that his affection for the younger women must be within the bounds of perfect priority and purity.

It is always necessary to rebuke anyone with the proper spirit. Some people have a problem in speaking a word to someone or reprimanding someone. The reprimand may be necessary, but anger must be avoided. Under the compulsion of love, we must seek to help and not to hurt.

Because of so many demands that were made upon the treasury of the early church, Paul urged the church to use wisdom in disbursement of the church's charity funds. It was the custom of the Jews to take care of its needy and the aged. The subject in this passage is the care for the widows.

The widows should be cared for with genuine compassion, but they must be in real need. Those persons that

the church would support must meet certain qualifications such as to care for the sick, to be hospitable, and to have a servant's spirit. The role of the church-supported widow was to be that of a constant pray-er and constant loving helper for those in trouble. The younger widows were encouraged to marry, rear a family, and make a home. Paul urged the younger widows to avoid actions that would bring criticism on their church.

The church needs to have practical regulations for the life and administration of the church. Paul was an establisher of the churches. He labored

to support himself. However, he was the first to urge that the position of pastor was entitled to prestige, honor, and adequate financial compensation. He urged not only a paid ministry but an adequately paid ministry. A good minister of Christ should be provided with the means of meeting his obligations, that the church might not be despised by unbelievers.

In the case of church discipline, Paul advised that there needed to be two witnesses. This was to be sure that the cause of criticism was not a false charge. Partiality must not be shown, for ultimately all must stand before

the judgment seat of God.

The pastor should be careful in electing leaders of the church. His own purity is bound up in the careful selection of those who serve as leaders in the church. Those who persist in sin are to be publicly rebuked.

The purpose of church discipline was to make the sinner aware of the consideration of his ways and to awake the church to the seriousness of sin. The church must never give the impression that it condones sin.

Paul urges the young pastor to administer his office without favoritism and without prejudices.

### Sunday School Lesson: International For May 22

By Wm. J. Fallis  
James 4:1 to 5:6

Paul was not the only New Testament writer to uncover the weaknesses and sins of first-century Christians. In this book of James we find evidence of some appalling conditions.

To be honest, they may have been no worse than those in some modern churches, but we tend to expect better of the early

churches. Tending the idealize them, we may miss the real issues behind much of the New Testament. It is not a question as to whether they were Christians; James called the church members "my brethren." He was not addressing only the "inner circle." He dealt with them as they were in their pilgrimage of faith-committed to Christ and still growing. They were no more perfect than we are. So, perhaps we can learn from them.

RESISTING THE WORLD (vv.1-6)

The word picture of peace in 3:18 is shattered by the charge in 4:1. Without bothering to ask whether there is hostility among his readers, James asks why it exists. Immediately he gives the answer in another question. Their uncontrolled cravings are at war within them. Instead of the Spirit, self-indulgence dominates them. Typi-

cal parallelism of Hebrew poetry shows up in the first part of verse 2 with the meaning that when his readers coveted something and could not have it, they were ready to kill. Even when they pray, they do not receive because they intend to waste what they seek in self-indulgence.

Verse 4 in the best Greek manuscripts has "adulteresses" only, but the verse is not aimed at immoral women. The word is used figuratively, echoing the Hebrew prophets' charge that the nation was adulterous when unfaithful to God. James said: "Whoever wants to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy" (TEV). The "world" here refers to all who are opposed to God; it is the world under the devil's control. Then James quoted a sentence as "scripture," but it does not appear in the Bible. It is difficult to interpret, but this is a possible translation in relation to the next verse: "The Spirit which he has caused to dwell in us yearns—jealously over us" (Weymouth). Proverbs 3:34 appears in verse 6 with the promise of God's grace for those of a humble spirit.

SUBMITTING TO GOD (vv. 7-10)

The humble in spirit will be willing to submit to God; at the same time they must stand up against the devil. Submitting to God is an act of defiance against Satan. Drawing near to God will also include cleaning up their behavior and their double-minded loyalty.

To make more vivid their repentance, they should weep instead of laugh and change their "gladness into shame." They must renounce their effort to be friends both with the world and with God. He would respond by lifting them up; he would recognize true humility, another guideline to faith.

DEPENDING ON HIS WILL (vv. 13-17)

Moving abruptly from one subject to another is characteristic of James; so these verses are not related to verses 11-12, but they can be related to 1-10. James is rebuking those who take the future for granted. He does not object to their business ventures or their purpose, but he feels they are not letting their Christian faith show up in their "secular" life. They have no assurance of what tomorrow might bring. Even life itself is like a mist which appears and then is gone. The phrase "If the Lord will" was popular among pagans, and James may be suggesting that Christians surely should show at least that much concern for God's will. Instead, he knew they were arrogant, and that was evil.

Verse 17 appears to be a casual conclusion, but really it stands as a basic principle of Christian ethics from a negative point of view. Violating God's will is sin, but failing to do what one knows to be right is also sin. It is another guideline to faith.

### Jupiter Homecoming

Jupiter Church (Simpson), Bob Stewart, pastor, will observe homecoming and ground breaking on May 22. Services will start at 10 a.m. with Sunday School, followed by morning worship at 11. W. C. Hallmark will bring the message.

There will be dinner on the Ground with an afternoon ground breaking ceremony for a pastorum. Paul Roberts will bring the message in the afternoon services. The church is three miles west of D'Lo.

The 11 a.m. worship service will feature a "This Is Your Life" program honoring Vaughn. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. Special afternoon activities are being planned.

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thousands of people in Jackson County and beyond."

### Vancleave To Pay Tribute

#### To R. L. Vaughn

As a part of the continuing celebration of the 75th anniversary of Vancleave Church, the members will observe R. L. Vaughn Day on Sunday, May 22. Vaughn, now retired, has served as pastor in various churches in the Jackson County area for over 50 years.

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## Off The Record

Every morning for 11 years a man awakened at six and took his dog for a walk.

Suddenly the dog died.

The next morning the fellow woke up at the same time, stared at the ceiling for a moment, then nudged his wife.

"Hey," he said, "you wanna take a walk?"

### Angel Martinez To Preach In Smith County Crusade

Angel Martinez will be the evangelist and Jimmy Snelen of Dallas will be the music evangelist for the Smith County area crusade, May 29-June 3. Services will be held at the football stadium at Taylorsville, Sunday through Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Morning services will begin at 10 a.m., Tuesday through Friday at the Union Baptist Church, Smith County.

"Thirty-three Baptist churches are cooperating. All denominations are



invited," says Charlie Bryant, Smith County director of missions.



Coleman



Winters



Seal

### Carey To Award Doctorates

The William Carey College Board of Trustees has announced that three honorary doctorates will be presented at commencement, May 21. These will include: Judge James P. Coleman, doctor of laws degree; Mrs. Frances Winters, doctor of humane letters degree; and Otis Seal, doctor of divinity degree.

Coleman, who will deliver the annual commencement address, is a former governor of Mississippi and outstanding judicial figure in Mississippi life. Born in Ackerman, he is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and holds the LL.B. degree from George Washington University.

Coleman was named to the state's Supreme Court in September, 1950. For four years he served as attorney general of Mississippi and in 1955 became governor. He later was elected to a four-year term in the legislature. He is the only man in Mississippi history to serve in all three branches of state government. In August, 1965, he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit by President Lyndon Johnson. He is married to the former Margaret Dennis.

Mrs. Frances Winters, long-time faculty member, recently retired, of William Carey College, is the wife of Dean Donald Winters of the Carey School of Music. Born in Greeley, Colorado, she is a graduate of Denison University and of the Westminster Choir College at Princeton.

Princeton. She has done additional graduate studies at Columbia University, Western Reserve University, and the University of Louisville.

In cooperation with her husband, she co-founded the School of Church Music at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She served at Indiana University as assistant to the dean of the School of Music, before joining the William Carey College faculty in 1958.

Otis Seal of Meridian is pastor of the Calvary Church, where he has served since 1957. A graduate of Mississippi State University he was involved in graduate studies at Southwestern Seminary and New Orleans Seminary. While in the U. S. Infantry during World War II, he spent three years in Africa and in Italy.

He has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

Seal is a horse enthusiast, is co-owner of the Bar S Quarter Horse Ranch. From income received in raising horses, he has been able to establish a Ministerial Student Library at William Carey with 4,000 volumes, plus a \$10,000 endowment fund which will keep the book collection current.

Seal is married to the former Jacqueline Edwards and the couple has two children. His wife's mother, Mrs. Pearl D. Edwards, was in the first graduating class of William Carey College. His wife is also a graduate of Carey.